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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

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1. PRESS COVERAGE OF PANMUNJOM INCIDENT SPARSE, UNSOLICITED HOST GOVERNMENT VIEWS NOT EXPRESSED.

2. AUGUST 26 ISSUE OF SALONGO BROKE MEDIA SILENCE WITH SHORT, OBJECTIVE ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE TENSION ON THE LINE UNQUOTE, WHICH INCLUDED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH QUOTE THE US OFFICIALLY REQUESTED, DURING A MEETING OF THE ARMISTICE COMMISSION WEDNESDAY AT PANMUNJOM, THAT THE NORTH KOREAN SOLDIERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS ON AUGUST 18 BE PUNISHED UNQUOTE. ARTICLE PROVIDED NO DETAILS ON KILLINGS. MEDIA HAVE IGNORED MATTER SINCE THEN EXCEPT FOR BRIEF REFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER 2 ISSUE OF ELIMA.

3. ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS HAVE NOT MENTIONED INCIDENT TO US, MUCH LESS SPECULATED ON ITS EFFECT ON KOREAN ISSUE AT UN. ONE MEMBER OF ZAIRIAN DELEGATION TO NAM SUMMIT, WHEN ASKED BY AMBASSADOR IF KILLINGS DISCUSSED AT COLOMBO, REVEALED TOTAL IGNORANCE OF EVENT FOUR DAYS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM CONFERENCE.

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